(b) if so, the average time taken in settling pensioners claim for reimbursement; and

(c) the number of claims with approximate amount pending with his Ministry as on the 15th June, 2004 with the names of beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) It generally takes about one to three months to settle the medical reimbursement claims of the CGHS pensioner cardholders.

(c) Information is being collected and would be laid on the table of the Sabha.

Abuse of provisions of Organ Transplantation Act

1124. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the abuse of the provisions of 'compassionate' donor' in the Organ Transplantation Act;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the concept of organ purchase has acquired 'dubious dimensions' with touts operating as middle-men;

(d) if so, whether the National Human Rights Commission has suggested steps to curb the practice;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures taken by Government to suitably amend the Organ Transplantation Act to check the abuse of its provisions?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the house.